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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Draft decision submitted by the Acting President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

Programme of work of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

A

Programme of work of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, having reviewed the preparations for the substantive session of the Council, decides that, as an exceptional measure and without prejudice to the content of General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991, the programme of work for the substantive session should be along the following lines:

29 June	Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
30 June-2 July	Committee segment (Economic and Social Committees)
6-8 July	High-level segment
9-10 and 13-14 July	Coordination segment
15-17 July	Operational activities segment Committee segment (Social Committee)
20-24 and 27-28 July	Committee segment (Economic and Social Committees)
29-30 July	Plenary meetings
31 July	Conclusion of the work of the Council

B

High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that:

(a) The meeting of 6 July will be reserved for statements by Ministers and other high-level representatives;

(b) The one-day policy dialogue with Executive Heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system will take place on 7 July and Executive Heads will be requested to circulate the texts of their statements beforehand;

(c) Heads of delegations will be requested over the three-day period to make not more than three interventions of not longer than five minutes each, and they will be requested to circulate the texts of their main statements beforehand. A press conference or briefing session with media will be organized for heads of delegations who so desire;

(d) The high-level segment will take place in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, which is a suitable venue to allow for round-table discussions and dialogue among the participants. Throughout the segment, the President of the Council is expected to take a leading role in stimulating interaction among the participants, summarizing the discussions as they progress and initiating the successive stages of the dialogue.

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Coordination segment

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1992/204 of 7 February 1992 on the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1992, decides that:

(a) The Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will identify a number of Executive Heads who will be specifically invited to take part in the discussion of the two themes to be considered under the segment. The President of the Council will then address a personal invitation to the Executive Heads concerned;

(b) Executive Heads will be requested to have their statements circulated beforehand;

(c) The segment will begin with précis presentations of the statements of the Executive Heads of specialized agencies and United Nations organs most concerned with the subject-matter; their remarks will focus on the theme at hand;

(d) Executive Heads will be encouraged to identify coordination problems in the course of their interventions, including problems created by a lack of adequate coordination within Governments at the national level;

(e) Without prejudice to the rights of all States to participate in the discussion, the regional and interest groups represented on the Council will be encouraged to select from among their number "discussion leaders" to undertake the necessary research work on the themes under discussion;

(f) The segment will conclude with recommendations to the organizations of the United Nations system relating to the two themes under discussion.